

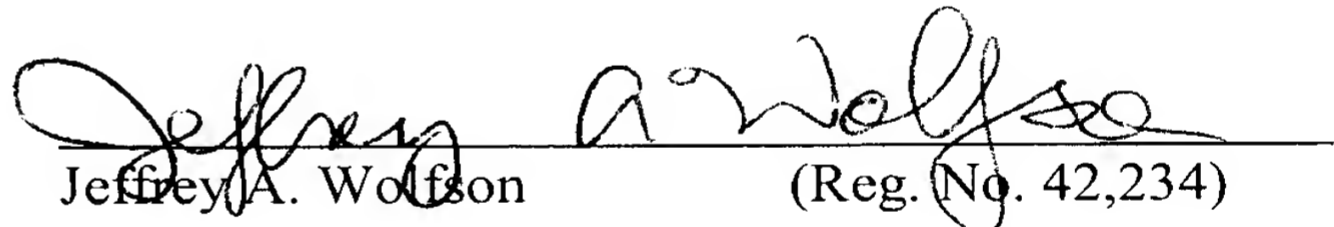
REMARKS

Applicant appreciates acknowledgement that claims 19-20 contain allowable subject matter, as well as acceptance of the drawings. Claims 1-14 and 16-18, as amended, are pending for the Examiner's consideration. Claims 1 and 18 have been amended simply to rewrite claims 19 and 20 in independent form, and claims 19-20 have accordingly been canceled without prejudice. Claim 15 has also been canceled without prejudice to expedite the prosecution of this matter, and claims 16-17 have been amended accordingly to depend from claim 4. Claim 4 has been amended to include the allowable feature of canceled claim 19, which is now also recited in claim 1. As these amendments do not introduce new matter, Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application in view of the above amendments that render the rejections moot. Applicant reserves the right to file one or more continuing applications directed to canceled or otherwise unclaimed subject matter.

In view of the remarks made herein, Applicant respectfully submits that the entire application is in condition for allowance, early notice of which would be appreciated. Should the Examiner not agree that all pending claims are allowable, then a personal or telephonic interview is respectfully requested to discuss any remaining issues and expedite the eventual allowance of these claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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